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| <b>AMENDMENT AND<br/>RESPONSE TO<br/>OFFICE ACTION</b><br><br>Address to:<br>Commissioner for Patents<br>P.O. Box 1450<br>Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 | Attorney Docket<br>Confirmation No. | 10010186-1<br>8374  |
|   | First Named Inventor                | Ganapati R. Mauze   |
|   | Application Number                  | 09/848,869  |
|   | Filing Date                         | May 4, 2001   |
|   | Group Art Unit                      | 1634  |
|   | Examiner Name                       | Bradley L. Sisson   |
|   | Title                               | Electro-Optical Devices and<br>Methods for Hybridization and<br>Detection |

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-final Office Action dated May 17, 2005.

Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

In view of the remarks made herein, reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

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